

MICHELLE HALLORAN GILMAN

Ms. Gilman was appointed Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the State of Connecticut in March 2020. At the direction of the Office of the Governor and Department of Administrative Services, she manages numerous COVID-19 response efforts in collaboration with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and other key state and local stakeholders.

Early in the pandemic, Gilman oversaw the alternate hospital site initiative at the Hartford Convention Center and other sites in preparation for potential surge capacity. She was also engaged in PPE, medical equipment, and testing supply management to support patients and critical workforce.

Over the summer, Gilman implemented the State's nationally recognized COVID-19 free testing program and cultivated a robust network of providers, labs and community, faith-based, and state agency partners. Ready access to testing for our vulnerable communities continues to be the program's core principle through mobile clinics at churches, shelters, and congregate housing. Under her direction, the program was broadened to support all COVID-19 outbreak communities in the fall and winter. This program was built to stand the test of time and continues to run successfully for those who need testing access.

In January, Gilman's role expanded to support the COVID-19 vaccine program. She continues to be the key contact for providers, and works closely with municipalities, and the education-childcare workforce to ensure an equitable, efficient roll-out for all residents.

As Deputy COO, Gilman will soon begin additional critical work on the State's optimization and modernization initiatives in order to ensure that residents and businesses alike can interact with government as efficiently and effectively as possible.